

GERMAN INVADERS RENEW ASSAULT ON BELGIAN LINES;  
PRESIDENT ORDERS PROBE OF INCREASE IN FOOD PRICESNATION-WIDE  
PROBE INTO  
FOOD PRICES

President Directs An Investigation to Fix Responsibility.

## PUNISHMENT PROMISED

Sherman Anti-Trust Law May Be Invoked by Department of Justice.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Under instructions from President Wilson, the Department of Justice yesterday ordered its special agents throughout the country to collect information to explain the marked increase in the cost of foodstuffs in this country since the commencement of the European war. Attorney General McReynolds also instructed United States attorneys in twenty centers of population to co-operate with the special agents. In addition, under direction of the President, the Department of Commerce will co-operate, as will, in all probability, the Department of Agriculture.

Information will be collected with a view to prosecuting under the Sherman law, as restraint of trade, combinations and agreements entered into for the purpose of artificially increasing the cost of foodstuffs.

## Special Message Possible.

The Attorney General believes the Sherman law offers ample machinery for the prosecution of speculation entered into to fix prices, and points to past cases in which this contention has been upheld by the United States Supreme Court and other high tribunals. Legal authorities in Congress accept the same view, contending that if the Sherman law, as now constituted, does not offer adequate machinery, the Clayton bill, which has passed the House and now is before the Senate, and which supplements the Sherman law, will make up for any deficiency of this nature.

If the Attorney General, after having studied the reports of his agents, decides that other legal machinery is necessary, the President will advocate such action in a special message to Congress.

Following instructions to the special agents of the Department of Justice to begin immediately investigations, the Attorney General sent the following telegram to United States attorneys in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and a number of other cities:

"The Department, by its special agents in various parts of the country, has instituted an investigation into the marked increases in the price of foodstuffs since the outbreak of the European war, with a view of ascertaining whether the increases are due to any combination or combinations in restraint of trade or other unlawful action.

"Please co-operate by communicating to the department any information which you can obtain on the subject, together with your opinion in respect of the appropriate action to be taken."

## The President's Letter.

The President's letter to the Attorney General follows:

"The rapid and unwarranted increase in the prices of foodstuffs in this country upon the pretext of the conditions existing in Europe is so serious and vital a matter that I take the liberty of calling your attention to it.

"I would be very obliged if you would advise me whether there is, under existing law, any action which the Department of Justice could take, either by way of investigation or legal process, and what Federal agencies, if any, would, in your judgment, be justifiable and warrantable in the circumstances.

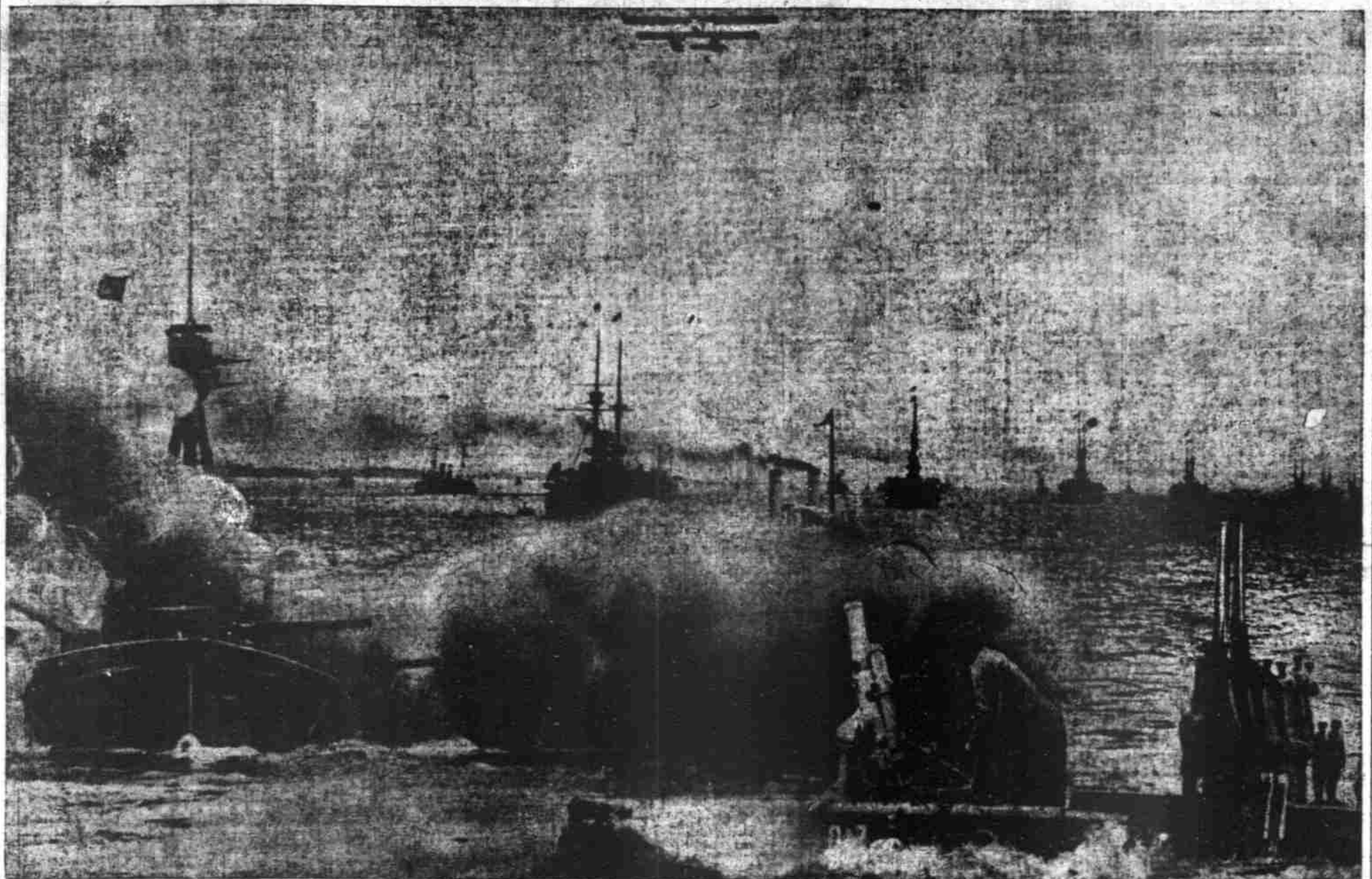
"I feel that this is a matter which we cannot let pass by without trying to serve the country. Certainly the country ought to be defended, if possible, against men who would take advantage of such circumstances to increase the prices of food and the difficulties of living."

## Asks \$10,000 Fund.

Secretary Redfield, in a letter to Chairman Adamson, of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, requested an immediate appropriation of \$10,000 to carry on the investigation ordered by the President. Mr. Red-

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How Great Sea Battle on Which Germany's Fate Hinges, Will Look



The battleship at the left of the picture, firing a broadside, is the Collingwood, one of the super-Dreadnoughts of the English navy, on which Prince Albert is receiving his naval training. In the rear are the sea fighters of the German fleet. At the right of the picture is a torpedo boat destroyer carrying a new model gun for bringing down aerial fighters.

CARBAJAL IN  
FLIGHT GETS  
TO VERACRUZSuccessor to Huerta  
Seeks Protection of  
U. S. Flag.

## Special Cable to Washington Herald.

Vera Cruz, Aug. 13.—Provisional President Carbajal, who, with a number of associates, is in flight from Mexico City, arrived at Vera Cruz on a special train tonight. Only a small crowd was at the terminal station to greet him. Gen. Funston, accompanied by his aide, was there.

Between two files of soldiers, Lieut. Ball conducted Carbajal to Gen. Funston's automobile, and the machine, followed by another in which were the provost marshal and a number of guards, was rushed through the streets to the Hotel Diligencias, where a suite had been reserved several days ago.

Following reports that the battleship Louisiana, while off the Florida coast had broken a crank shaft and that the Texas was towing her to New York, orders were received for the Virginia, the Vermont and the New Jersey to be rushed to Guantanamo, Cuba, immediately. The ships had been under sailing orders all day and preparations were made to sail tonight.

## New Rebels Take Town.

Mexico City, Aug. 13.—The new revolutionary forces, organized under the direction of supporters of Felix Diaz and known as the "Felicitistas," have taken the town of Toluca, about 135 miles southwest of Mexico City, and are advancing toward Puebla.

The constitutionalists still refuse to sign the protocol and declare they will occupy the capital within twenty-four hours.

Carbajal fled to Vera Cruz today to take protection under the United States flag. He was accompanied by Jose Maria Lujan, acting minister of government; Eduardo Precal Castillo, acting minister of justice; and Antonio Escandon, acting minister of commerce and labor. Their departure left the central government without a head.

Atlantic City—Next Sunday, 3:30 Atlantic City and Return Next Sunday, Aug. 18, Pennsylvania Railroad. Special train leaves Union Station 5:40 a. m. No change of cars. A long day at the shore.—Adv.

Belgian Paper Says  
Pope Warned Kaiser

Brussels, Aug. 13.—According to the Independence Belge the Kaiser has been warned by the Vatican of the moral consequences of violent aggression upon neutral and pacific Belgium and of the discredit which will result to Germans throughout the world.

## MOVIE STAR SLAIN BY WIFE.

F. E. Seaton, Husband of Virginia Clay, Victim of Jealousy.

Bogota, N. J., Aug. 13.—F. E. Seaton, a moving-picture star, was shot to death in his home today by his wife, Virginia Clay Seaton, an actress who once attracted country-wide attention by her ability as a sharpshooter.

Jealousy is assigned as the motive. The maddened woman was taken to the county jail in Hackensack, where in her cell she swooned after praying that death might overtake her. She refused to talk about the shooting, save to make a wild denial of having shot her husband. She was committed on a charge of murder.

FRANCE TO COVER  
WAR RISKS ON SHIPS

Paris, Aug. 13.—The French government, in order to encourage shipping, now affected by the war, will cover war risks on all maritime exports and imports, it is announced tonight.

Vessels of French registry will be insured to 80 per cent of their value, while the total value of merchandise carried in French ships or the ships of allies or neutral countries, will be insured at a premium.

## RAISE FUND FOR STRICKEN.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—The merchants of Moscow raised \$1,300,000 in fifteen minutes for the benefit of the wounded and the families of the reservists.

The young grand duchess, Marie Pavlovna, daughter of the late Emperor, has volunteered as a Sister of Mercy.

## SAYS GERMANS SHOT MAYOR.

London, Aug. 13.—The Central News has received a dispatch from Paris stating that the mayor of Igney, a village on the Franco-German frontier between Avricourt and Lunville, has been shot by German troops.

## FULL PAY FOR C. P. R. RECRUITS

Montreal, Aug. 13.—The Canadian Pacific Railway issued a circular today stating that all their employees going to the war would receive full pay for six months and their positions will be kept open.

## NAB GERMAN RESERVISTS.

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AUTOCRACY  
AT STAKE IN  
BIG BATTLEKaiser Casts Prestige  
of Militancy Against  
Democracy.By E. ASHMEAD BARTLETT,  
Military Expert of the London  
Daily Telegraph and the  
Washington Herald.

London, Aug. 14.—(Friday).—

The battle which is commencing along the line of the River Meuse probably will settle definitely the future position of the German empire in Europe and also the question as to whether military autocracy or constitutional government is in future to dominate the lives of millions of men and women. In reality, the last three years of Napoleon's reign did not witness a struggle of nations against France, but of nations against a single autocrat.

In the present case this is not a war of the German nation against the world, but of the Kaiser and military autocracy against constitutional government only in Germany, but throughout Europe. A serious check to the German army will mean a corresponding decline in the prestige of the Kaiser and his military clique and a defeat followed by the invasion of German territory will loosen irrevocably the tide of suppressed liberty which for so long has been kept under the mailed fist.

## Situation Reversed.

Every single conversation with wounded German soldiers or prisoners shows that the rank and file of the German army have not the smallest idea why they are fighting. To the war of 1870 the situation was reversed. Germany was twenty-five army corps against France's twenty-one. Her reserves were probably more numerous and better organized, but the Germans confidently expected to overrun the whole of Belgium and gain the French frontier before a single French corps could be mobilized. In this they were completely mistaken. Nothing so far has been as remarkable as the smooth working of the French railway service and consequent rapid concentration of the French armies.

The second factor upon which the Germans relied was the readiness of the Belgians to see their country overrun by the invaders.

The Belgians upset all calculations. For the last two days the fighting of the German cavalry has been used as a screen to cover the concentration of immense masses of infantry which will soon be making their presence felt.

GERMANS SINK TEN  
BRITISH WARSHIPS;  
LOSE 19 TORPEDO  
BOATS, IS REPORT

New York, Aug. 13.—Staats Zeitung this morning publishes a report that four British Dreadnoughts and six cruisers have been sunk in the Humber, on the East Coast of England, as a result of an attack on the British fleet by sixty German torpedo boats.

According to the report, which the Staats Zeitung says was received by one of the biggest shipping firms in the city, nineteen of the German torpedo boats were destroyed in the engagement.

Confer Legion of Honor  
On Heroic French Officer

Paris, Aug. 13.—In recognition of his heroism, Second Lieut. H. J. Bruyant, of the Fifteenth Dragons, has been awarded the decoration of the Legion of Honor upon recommendation of Gen. Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French army.

Lieut. Bruyant, with seven men, charged thirty Uhlans and Bruyant killed the officer of the Uhlans with his own hand while his command routed the other members of the band.

## 400 AMERICANS IN HOLLAND.

Arrive Safely From Berlin Accompanied by Ambassador Gerard.

Rotterdam, Aug. 13.—Four hundred American refugees have reached Rotterdam on a special train from Berlin. They were accompanied by James W. Gerard, American Ambassador to Germany.

The refugees will sail for the United States on a Dutch liner as soon as arrangements can be completed and Mr. Gerard will return to Berlin.

Berne, Switzerland, Aug. 13 (via London).—More than 10,000 American and English tourists are stranded in Switzerland. Some of them are hard pressed for necessities. A number have sacrificed their letters of credit for sums much smaller than they called for.

Appeals have been made to the British minister for assistance in getting into France and thence to the coast, but he has notified all applicants that efforts to that end are useless, until mobilization of its eastern troops is completed by France.

## NO ROOM FOR WOUNDED.

Basle, Aug. 13.—Following the terrible battle at Meulhausen, the hospital facilities proved absolutely inadequate for the care of the almost incredible number of wounded.

Not only are all the hospitals full, but the schools, churches and hotels are filled. Even with these it was found necessary to charter special trains to convey the wounded to Mulheim, St. Ludwig and other towns.

BELGIAN FIRE  
TURNS FLANK  
OF GERMANSBattle of Diest Becomes  
Rout Under Deadly  
Gunnery.

## Special Cable to Washington Herald.

London, Aug. 13.—An Exchange telegram from Brussels contains a remarkably graphic description of the fighting at the battle of Diest, where the first severe engagement between the troops of the Germans and the allies took place.

In this clash the Belgian left wing gained a decisive advantage over the Germans, whose forces numbered more than 10,000, composed of cavalry, artillery, and a small supporting force of infantry. The Belgian forces consisted of one cavalry division and a mixed brigade, having several rapid-fire guns. Their total fighting strength was about 7,000.

The apparent aim of the Germans was to hurl themselves through the North St. Trond road at Tirlemont, in order to turn the Belgian army.

## Position of Forces.

Early Wednesday the Germans drew up their forces between Hasselt and St. Trond, and thence proceeded in the direction of Diest, chiefly by way of Steenvoort and Herck Laville. The German wings, however, came up from different directions. Across the front from St. Trond to Herck Laville their left wing guarded the road from St. Trond to Tirlemont on the one hand and the heights of Oramet and Gussenhoven on the other. The right protected the road from Hasselt to Diest.

The Belgian commander, fully aware of this movement from aeroplane and cavalry reconnaissances, allowed the enemy to advance while he maneuvered the Belgian troops to the most favorable positions.

This country is divided into three parts by tributaries of the river Demer, named the Herck, Getha, and Velege, flowing south to north. To reach Diest it was necessary for the enemy to cross the heights of Oramet and Gussenhoven on the other. The right protected the road from Hasselt to Diest.

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NATIONS GRAPPLING IN  
DEATH STRUGGLE ON  
PLAINS OF BELGIUMVanguard of 2,000,000 Fighting Men Engaged  
In Constant Conflict Behind Veil of Secrecy  
German Army Renews Attack on  
Belgians at Haelen.SENSORS KEEP BACK RESULTS OF  
TWO-DAY BATTLE---FRENCH AID ALLIES

[All war dispatches from Brussels and other places on the continent of Europe are censored, both at the point of issue and in London, through which they pass.]

## Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Brussels, Aug. 13.—Behind an almost impenetrable veil, one of the greatest battles in history is in progress on the plains of Belgium. All day today and all day yesterday, the Germans and Belgians have been locked in a death-grapple on the field of Haelen.

The Germans resumed the offensive at 5 o'clock this morning. Since then the fighting has been continuous. Beyond the fact that the vanguard of 2,000,000 fighting men is engaged in a desperate prelude to an even more desperate struggle to come, the censors will permit no news to be sent out.

This much it is permitted to send: It is stated that the German troops re-formed after being repulsed last night at Haelen, and at 5 o'clock this morning the battle was renewed. Fresh Belgian troops were sent at once to the front in support of their comrades, who had fought throughout yesterday.

It is also officially announced that the Belgian cavalry division "this morning took up the offensive against the Germans, who were defeated in yesterday's battle of Haelen, with the object, it is believed, of picking up the dead and wounded and collecting the abandoned material of war."

RUSSIAN CAVALRY  
ROUTS AUSTRIANS

## All Roads Guarded.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—A sharp attack by the Russian cavalry upon Austrians at Sokol today resulted in the capture by the Russians of that important railway terminus. Two battalions and three cavalry regiments of the enemy were put to flight. They suffered severe losses. The Russians destroyed the station, the bridge and the viaduct, effectively halting intended advance of the enemy toward Vladimir Volynsk.

No details are permitted of the progress of the fighting.

Brief dispatches also tell of renewed fighting in the neighborhood of Longres, north of Liege, where an artillery duel was commenced this morning.

An official Belgian communication also says that a German force, proceeding in the direction of Eghese, to the north of Namur, was attacked and repulsed this morning by Belgian troops. The Germans are said to have suffered severe casualties. The Belgians also captured a number of machine guns mounted on motor cars.

Details of the first day's fighting at Haelen yesterday show that while the battle was the most brilliant and stubbornly contested of the war so far, it was but a skirmish to the engagement which impends when the complete armies on both sides have finally maneuvered in position.

Details of the losses sustained are not at hand. According to the Belgian reports, the Germans were repulsed after fierce fighting. At one place, it is declared, upward of 300 Germans were counted in a space of fifty yards.

The engagement will be known as the battle of Haelen. It waged all day and far into the night. At 7 o'clock in the evening shells were still falling.

According to the Belgian reports, the main fighting centered around Haelen, which is in the Belgian province of the Brabant, after passing around Zelhem. The battle of Diest was merely a part of the several fights all along the line.

When a patrol of carabineers first signaled the approach of the German troops at the opening of the engagement, the Belgians manned the trenches and a hot fire greeted the German advance. Halting their charge, the Germans brought into play their artillery. A slaughter of

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## CZAR TO URGE RUSS UNITY.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—Czar Nicholas and the royal family are preparing to go to Moscow where the Czar will issue a proclamation to the people of the Russian empire, calling upon them to unite to resist the Germans.

## WILLIAM BARKER MISSING.

William Barker, thirty-six years old, has been missing from his home, 209 Nichols avenue southeast, since Monday. He is five feet four inches tall, is bald, and has a scar under his chin. He was dressed in a blue coat, gray trousers, and a straw hat. The police are seeking him.

HERALD LEADS,  
OTHERS FOLLOW

This paper, with its exclusive foreign news service, was the first paper to print the important announcement that Great Britain had declared war against Austria.

The Herald also contained the first uncensored news showing that the Germans had been successful near Muelhausen. An afternoon paper, twelve hours later, claimed this distinction.

Read The Herald for the latest and most authentic war news.